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Amdt. dated July 1, 2004  
Reply to Office Action of March 1, 2004

**Amendment to the Specification:**

Please replace the sentence starting on page 18, line 12 with the following amended sentence:

An example of a mode known to those skilled in the art is electronic codebook mode  
(ECB) mode.

Please replace the sentence starting on page 18, line 20 with the following amended sentence:

Another example of a mode known to those skilled in the art is the cipher blocking  
chaining mode (CBC) mode.

Please replace the sentence starting on page 18, line 5 with the following amended sentence:

In the following description, red may refer to plain text information such as unencoded  
keys and data and may denoted as P1 and P2, and black may refer to cipher text  
information such as encoded keys and data and be denoted as C1 and C2.